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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
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Los Angeles, California.

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Owner: Bank of America. 660 So. Spring Street, Los Angeles

Date of erection: Unknown, a relic of early Mission Days.
1794-1830 or '40

Architect:

Builder:

Present condition: Fairly well preserved, now serving as
an extra dining room for an adjoining cafe.

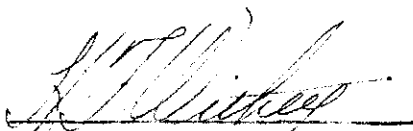
Number of stories: 1½

Materials of construction: Field stone foundation, walls of
sun dried adobe brick, plastered both sides to ceiling line,
wood construction above, shake covered roof, painted interior
white washed exterior including trim and sheathing. Floor
of cement.

Other existing records: "California Missions and Land Marks"
by Mrs. A. S. C. Forbes, 1915. page 95 and article by
Charles Adams on page 341, 1932 Annual Publication of
Historical Society of Southern California.

Additional Data: In 1854 this house of three rooms and a
flat brea covered roof was sold by Hipolito Cervantes to Dr.
Geo. I. Rice and David Franklin Hall.

This writer was informed by a former owner that
several years ago he named the place "Ramona's Birth Place"
for no reason but to attract tourists trade. The place is
better known for a very large grape vine planted in 1861
by Dr. Hall at the rear of the house and supported on a
trellis giving shade to a large out door dining area. The
house at one time previous to 1900 served as a small hotel
and had at that time a covered porch across the full front.



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